

If I had to pick one theme for the past few months in our family and ministry, it would have to be **TRANSITION**. We've had several months of adjustment and change, and it has come in several different ways.

First and foremost, we have spent the last several months helping 4-year-old Luís transition from life in an orphanage to life in a family. It has been a big change for him, and it hasn't come without its fears, anxieties, stresses, and frustrations. But he has handled it like a champ, and we are amazed at the



Daily superhero meeting

way he is progressing and learning what it means to love and be loved by a m a m a , d a d d y , a n d brothers for the first time. Of course, it has been a big adjustment for Noah and Barrett as well, as there are only a few months age difference between them



and Luís. It has been a journey, but they have worked hard to open up their unique little twin bond to a third member. The duo is slowly becoming a trio, and it is a beautiful (and noisy!) thing to watch. This is undoubtedly the biggest transition our little family has ever faced, and we are so

blessed by the way the Lord has tenderly been carrying us through such an emotionally intense season. He has been so faithful in growing our family, and we couldn't be more thankful.

The adoption brought on other new changes as well, as Nikki transitioned back into being a full-time, stay-at-home mom once again. She ended her daily Spanish classes when Luís joined the family so that she could dedicate all of her time to attachment and bonding, while Nate continued on alone in class for a few more months. But now that our year of intensive language-learning is over, we are both learning how to transition from formal language-learning to a more informal learning process. In the last month, Nate has



Nikki & Nate with Clara, our Spanish teacher



Luis' baptism

had the opportunity to preach in Spanish for the first time, baptize Luis, and have much deeper conversations about the gospel with our friends and neighbors. And of course, adding a Spanish-speaking son to the family has stretched our language abilities more than ever! Although we aren't spending time in a formal class setting anymore, we are still challenging our minds and skills as we encounter new situations on a daily basis.

Finally, we have spent the past several months gearing up for our next big transition – our move to Arequipa, Peru! Once again, we are selling most of our things and packing up for an international move. We are living out of suitcases and saying our goodbyes to people we have come to know and love. After departing from Bogotá on December 11, we will spend a week or so in Lima, Peru to complete our visa process, and we hope to be in Arequipa by Christmas. After years of praying for a long-term location, we are excited to find a place to live, begin meeting

new friends and neighbors, and begin our long-term ministry in Arequipa with the Kines and Gutierrez families.

We are so thankful for all of those who have steadily prayed for us and supported us during these past few months (who am I kidding? YEARS!) of transition and change. We have been so encouraged and uplifted by our friends and family from home who check in on us, pray for us, send us happies, and remind us that we are loved. Everything else may be in transition, but that is one thing that hasn't changed a bit, and we are forever grateful.



**We invite you to read about the rest of the families on our team. it is hard for us to give a true reflection of all that the Lord is doing in our lives apart from sharing about our larger family here on the field.**

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